Marine Resources Committee Meeting February 23, 2010

Attendance:

Scott Moody – not present
Connie Bernier
Michael Bernier Sr.
Shelly Wilson
David Wilson
Weston Watts
Vincent Hersey – not present
Mark Wallace

George Bradbury, advisor to the committee

Audience: David Hollingshead Leon Hollingshead Darrell Pennell Sherry Proctor

David Wilson calls meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Review last months minutes, minutes accepted.

There are 2 commercial licenses in question.

Motion made and seconded for same amount of commercial licenses.

Commercial Shellfish Licenses for 2010 are to be kept the same 66 resident commercial, 4 senior resident commercial and 7 non resident commercial.

David and Shelly Wilson conservation dates - clean up in quahog bay.

Michael Bernier Sr. conservation dates - Survey with George Bradbury.

Weston Watts conservation dates - take seed from Dingley Island and reseed in Doughty cove.

Brickyard Cove and part of Cards Cove may be opened depending on the year end review. The review may be completed sometime in March.

Committee members need to file a seed clam transfer sheets for this years conservation dates if you intend to move seed clams. We will have to ask Scott Moody at a later date.

There is a request from the Harbor and Waterfront committee for members to attend a harbor plan forum at the Harpswell Island School on February 24, 2010 at 7 pm

George Bradbury speaks: Trying to create a harbor plan to identify 15 coves. We have a \$20,000 grant to make a harbor plan. The reason we are doing this is because we have open space committees in town. We have land use committees and comprehensive plans in Town that has to do with the land in town.

There is 4 percent more water than land in Harpswell. There is only one committee to deal with the water.

All these committees have management plans and things like that. We want to have a documented working knowledge of our waters, recreational, commercial everything that goes on in Harpswell whether it's clamming, lobster fishing, ripping up seaweed, whatever you do for fishing in Harpswell we want to grandfather certain areas so that things are documented. Basically it is a comprehensive plan of the water.

Look into a washer drain on Oakhurst Island.

Look into somehow documenting when a holding tank is pumped.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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